

RAISING THE BAR ACT

Public-Private Online Terrorism Moderation Exercise



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The Raising the Bar Act establishes an exercise program in which online terrorist content is flagged for social media companies. During each exercise, approved flaggers identify terrorist content to help test the efficacy of companies' practices to address such content on their platforms within 24 hours. Social media companies are then rated on their performance in each exercise by a lead institution, selected by the Department of Homeland Security. This Act takes on the surge of online terrorist content in a way that should "raise the bar" on how well social media companies shut down terrorist activity on their platforms.

HOW IT WORKS



Require any social media company to participate in the exercise. Require any social media company to adopt standards for online content moderation. Allow users' content to be shared with domestic or international governmental bodies. Allow the Federal government to participate in content removal decision-making.